

Sunday Morning Worship

The 1st Sunday after Christmas

December 27, 2020

9:00 a.m. Service in person and streamed live

Preservice song *He Shall Reign Forevermore*

Opening Song **Angels from the Realms of Glory (w/Emmanuel)**

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

Introit **Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon; Isaiah 52:10**

Song **Adore**

Scripture Readings **Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Galatians 4:4-7**

Children's Message **Family Five
Luke 2:22-40**

Hymn of the Day **Of The Father's Love Begotten LSB 384**

Message **Rev. Rich Balvanz**

Apostles' Creed

Offerings & Presentation of Offering

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing (Aaronic)

Closing Song **Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)**

What's happening at King of Kings.....

Can Shed Fundraiser– NO ONSITE DROPOFF

Thank you for supporting our youth over the past few years by bringing in your bottle and cans for deposit! Throughout our collections, we've raised almost \$2,000 to support our youth ministry. Unfortunately we are no longer able to collect cans and bottles onsite at King of Kings, but there is still a way to support our youth program! Individuals can take **FULL** and **SORTED** "Can Shed" marked bags to a Can Shed location and have the deposit return contributed to our King of Kings youth account. We will continue to provide can shed bags in the Church office upon request. More guidelines for how to sort and what containers are acceptable can be found at <https://www.canshed.com/>.

Family Five is a short video lesson for all people, it includes a lesson for NOW and a question to discuss or activity to do with your family LATER.

Sunday's Family Five is titled "**God Keeps His Promise**"

Activity for LATER: **Share a time you were able to keep a promise.**

In person Children's Ministry slated to resume on Sunday, January 10 at 9:30 AM. See you then!

Baby Grand Piano – A special fund has been set up to purchase a baby grand piano (a slightly used Boston 178 performance edition). The cost is \$28,437.75. We have already received gifts of \$15,588.00 toward this purchase. If you would like to donate to this fund, please make gifts payable to King of Kings Lutheran Church and put "piano" in the memo line. Thank you.

Lord's Supper Is Available

If you have the desire to receive the Lord's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins this week, please call either Pastor Balvanz (319-350-3276) or the church office (319-393-2438) to schedule an appointment

Covid-19 Worship Center Maximum Capacity = 95

Additional seating with live feed of service in Classroom 1 (Heartland Room)

Additional announcements can be found in the weekly e-News. Email the church office if you are not receiving the weekly emails. office@kingofkingscr.org

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers
this week for...**

**King of Kings members &
friends:**

That healing and encouragement are granted to those who mourn or are ill: Viki Ingram, Marv Frerking, Peggy Goodson, Laura Howe, Dawn Cook, Leilani Leudtke, Faith Buss, Jerry Green, Jan Fruth, Sherry Brendes and those we name in our hearts.

For relief from the pandemic:

That God would stem the spread of the coronavirus, bring healing to those who are ill and bless us with confidence in

God's love and mercy through all circumstances. Grant that we live in confident trust in God's eternal care for his people.

For families:

That God bless the families of his people with his promises. Give parents diligence and delight in their work, and grant favor on all children, that they may grow in strength and wisdom. Bless all whom you have chosen to be single, widows, orphans and the homes where children are not present. Cover them with Your mercy and give them joy in the redemption won for us in Christ.

For the ministries of King of Kings:

That God gives us grace to rejoice in Christ's blessed incarnation and grant us a glad new year. Heal our divisions. Grant us relief from the pandemic. Cause your people to desire your Word and Sacrament. Restore our fellowship. Bless the ministry of this congregation. Guide us according to your will so that your light may shine in our community in 2021.

Prayers for Others:

*Healing, recovery, peace,
strength —*

Viki Ingram & family
Marv Frerking
Peggy Goodson
Laura Howe
Dawn Cook
Leilani Luedtke
Jerry Green
David Marousek
Faith Buss
Bob & Jan Fruth
Sherry Brendes
Jack (grandson of Bob and Pat Harris)



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 27, 2020 — January 2, 2020



Sermon Prayer

O God, our maker and redeemer, you wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of your Son you more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in him who made himself to be like us. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

Waiting for the Right Thing

Today's two themes:

- Christmas isn't just for kids!
- The coming of God's Son in human flesh has everlasting value.

Simeon and Anna never tired of waiting for Christmas to arrive!

"There was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, _____ for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would _____ before he had seen the Lord's Christ." (Luke 2:25-26)

"(Anna) did not depart from the temple, _____ with fasting and prayer night and day." (Luke 2:37)

Because they were filled with faith and the Spirit of God, Simeon and Anna knew the Messiah when they saw him.

This is the same way we know him *without* seeing him.....through faith in the promises of God given through the Word of God.

God has fulfilled his salvation promise to the world through the gift of his Son in human flesh, the Lamb of God who takes away our sin.

"When the _____ had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons." (Galatians 4:4-5)

The Savior has come for all who are waiting for the right thing. The news of Christ's coming never fades or loses value.

"For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." (Acts 2:39)